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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman IHC

SUBJECT : COINS Semiannual Report

1. The only remaining area of disagreement between NSA and CIA on the COINS Semiannual Report following discussion and amendment of the report today turns on Sections IV and V. CIA would propose to remove both sections from the report, NSA would have them remain as is.

2. CIA's objection to the content of Section IV is that the section deals primarily with recommendations which are external to the COINS Project, most of the recommendations address subjects on which there has been long debate (10-20 years) in the community and continuing disagreement. Their presence serves no purpose for the COINS Project or the report, but it does provide a springboard for any critic (See PFIAB excoriation of CODIB) of the IHC or the USIB to cite the fact that USIB can't be very effective if it has unresolved recommendations on its calendar. As you know I vigorously opposed both of these recommendations when they were surfaced in CODIB as a result of earlier COINS reports as unrelated to COINS and irrelevant to its development.

25X1 3. [] seeks their inclusion not on the basis of relevancy but on the basis that they were contained in a previous report. I submit that they were inappropriate before, they remain so now, and they will continue to be in the future. They are, however, perfectly logical areas for the IHC to seek acceptance anew in the future even as its predecessors have sought in the past. They are, however, not matters pending action.

4. Should you disagree with this analysis, I would be pleased to have each of these recommendations inscribed for a special meeting of the IHC at the earliest possible moment when the membership can be brought together for definitive disposition.

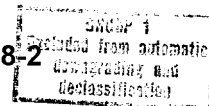
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